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In re application of:

KATSUYUKI MUSAKA et al.

Application No.: 09/187,551

Filed: November 5, 1998

For: METHOD FOR FORMING A THIN  
FILM FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

Examiner: Marianne Padgett

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 12, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit herewith the Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

Claims 1-10, 27-29, and 31-34 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 29-33, 38-40, and 42-45 of copending Application No. 08/888,499.

In view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is urged. If the Examiner

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believes a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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